

Admission Policy

Idaho Technical College System

Idaho delivers postsecondary professional-technical education through a Technical College System providing educational opportunities in all geographic regions of the state. The system practices open enrollment — anyone who needs educational services that can be provided by the system is allowed to enter the system at some level. These admission standards clarify the preparation needed to succeed at those various levels.

Regular or Provisional Admission standards apply to students who seek a technical certificate or AAS degree through a professional-technical program. The admission standards and placement criteria do not apply to Workforce Development, Farm Management, Truck Driving, Apprenticeship, and Fire and Emergency Services courses and programs.

Placement test scores indicating potential for success are generally required for enrollment in a professional-technical program of choice. Placement score requirements vary according to the program.

The Technical Colleges are located as follows:

■ Region I	Coeur d'Alene	North Idaho College, Professional-Technical Division
■ Region II	Lewiston	School of Technology, Lewis-Clark State College
■ Region III	Boise	Larry G. Selland College of Applied Technology, Boise State University
■ Region IV	Twin Falls	College of Southern Idaho, Professional-Technical Division
■ Region V	Pocatello	College of Technology, Idaho State University
■ Region VI	Idaho Falls	Eastern Idaho Technical College

Purpose

The purpose of this admission policy is to help students prepare for technical college and to better ensure that students will have the preparatory skills to succeed in technical programs.

Categories of Admission

There are three categories of admission: regular, conditional, and early.

Regular Admission

Students desiring Regular Admission to any of Idaho's technical colleges must meet the following standards. Students planning to enroll in programs of a technical nature are also strongly encouraged to complete the recommended courses shown in the shaded areas. Placement in a specific professional-technical program is based on the capacity of the program and placement requirements established by the technical college. (See Placement Criteria, on the back of this document.)

Standards for high school graduates of 1997 and thereafter:

- High School diploma with a minimum 2.0 GPA¹;
- Placement examination² (CPT, ASSET, ACT, SAT, COMPASS or other tests approved by the State Board for Professional-Technical Education. CPT or ASSET scores may be used to determine placement eligibility for specific professional-technical programs.)
- Satisfactory completion of high school coursework that includes at least the following:
Mathematics — 4 credits from challenging math sequences of increasing rigor selected from courses such as Algebra I, Geometry, Applied Math I and II, Algebra II, Trigonometry, Discrete Math, Statistics, and other higher level math courses. Two (2) mathematics credits must be taken in the 11th or 12th grade. (After 1998, less rigorous math courses taken in grades 10-12, such as pre algebra, review math, remedial math, shall not be counted.)

Recommended: 3 Years (6 credits) for students seeking admission to technical programs.

Natural Science — 4 credits including at least two credits of laboratory science from challenging science courses including applied biology/chemistry, principles of technology (applied physics), anatomy, biology, earth science, geology, physiology, physical science, zoology, physics, chemistry, and agricultural science and technology courses (500 level and above).

Recommended: 3 years (6 credits) for students seeking admission to technical programs with 2 years (4 credits) in laboratory sciences.

English — 8 credits. Applied English in the Workplace may be counted for English credit.

Other — Professional-technical courses, including Tech Prep sequences and organized work-based learning experiences connected to the school-based curriculum, are strongly recommended. (High School Work Release time not connected to the school-based curriculum will not be considered.)

Standards for others seeking Regular Admission

Individuals who graduated from high school, or received their GED prior to 1997, or who are at least 21 years old and who desire Regular Admission to the technical colleges must complete:

- High School diploma with a minimum 2.0 GPA¹, or
- General Educational Development (GED) Certificate³, and
- Placement examination² (CPT, ASSET, ACT, SAT, COMPASS or other test approved by the State Board for Professional-Technical Education. CPT, ASSET scores may also be used to determine placement eligibility for specific professional-technical programs.)

¹ An institution may choose to substitute a composite index of placement exam score and high school GPA for the GPA admission requirement.

² If accommodations are required to take the placement exam(s) because of a disability, please contact the College to which you are interested in applying.

³ Individuals who do not have a high school diploma or GED may be admitted if they can demonstrate the necessary ability to succeed in a technical program through appropriate tests or experiences determined by the institution.

Conditional Admission

Students who do not meet all the requirements for Regular Admission may be admitted to a technical college on Conditional Status. Students admitted on a Conditional Status are required to successfully complete appropriate remedial, general and/or technical education coursework related to the professional-technical program for which Regular Admission status is desired, and to demonstrate competence with respect to that program through methods and procedures established by the technical college. Students desiring Conditional Admission must complete:

- High School diploma or GED certificate, and
 - Placement examination? (CPT, ASSET, ACT, SAT, COMPASS or other test approved by the State Board for Professional-Technical Education. CPT or ASSET scores may also be used to determine placement eligibility for specific professional-technical programs.)
- High School Tech Prep students may be admitted beginning in the 11th grade. Diploma and placement exam are not required for regular admission until the student has completed the 12th grade.

Placement Criteria

Procedures for Placement into Specific Professional-Technical Programs

In addition to the requirements for admission to a technical college, students need to be aware that specific professional-technical programs require different levels of competency in English, science and mathematics. Students must also be familiar with the demands of a particular occupation and how that occupation matches individual career interests and goals. Therefore, before students can enroll in a specific program, the following placement requirements must be satisfied:

- Each technical college establishes specific program requirements (including placement exam scores) that must be met before students can enroll in those programs. A student who does not meet the established requirements for the program of choice will have the opportunity to participate in Basic Academic Development to improve their skills.

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- College of Technology, Idaho State University
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- North Idaho College, Professional-Technical Division

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Technical College Student Services Information

- Students must provide evidence of a career plan. (It is best if this plan is developed throughout high school prior to seeking admission to a technical college.)
- Students must possess competency in basic computer skills. (These competencies should be developed prior to seeking admission if at all possible.)

- **Larry G Selland College of Applied Technology**
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- **School of Technology**
Lewis-Clark State College
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